

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Currently amended) A method comprising:

initiating an intersystem handover of a mobile terminal accessing a communication network via a radio access network of a first type by a transmission of said mobile terminal to said communication network, said communication network comprising at least said radio access network of said first type and a radio access network of a second type;

wherein a criterion for said intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address; and

wherein said transmission determines a type of radio access network based on one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission comprises a direct request for a specific type of radio access network.

3. (Original) A method according to claim 2, wherein said mobile terminal stores a list with at least one preferred type of radio access network, from which list said specific type of radio access network is selected.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 3, wherein said at least one preferred type of radio access network is assigned to a specific type of content or to

specific characteristics of contents, and wherein said specific type of radio access network is selected based on a desired content.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission enables said communication network to derive a type of radio access network to which said mobile terminal should be connected.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein for deriving said type of radio access network to which said mobile terminal should be connected based on said transmission, said communication network comprises a network element storing a list with at least one preferred type of radio access network for said mobile terminal.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission comprises information indicating that an intersystem handover should be performed in a dedicated information element in a connection establishment signaling.

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission comprises information indicating that an intersystem handover should be performed in a dedicated message of a connection establishment signaling.

10. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said radio access network of said first type is a preferred type of radio access network of said mobile terminal due to

a first criterion, and wherein said radio access network of said second type is a preferred type of radio access network of said mobile terminal due to a second criterion.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein an intersystem handover is required whenever a requested content is only available from a specific operator via said second type of radio access network.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein in said mobile terminal different access point names are assigned to different contents, which contents are available via different types of radio access network, and wherein said transmission comprises the access point name assigned to a requested content.

13. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 12, wherein said communication network stores a list for said mobile terminal, in which list different access point names are assigned to a respective type of a radio access network, and wherein said communication network selects a type of radio access network to which a handover is to be performed from said list based on said access point name received in said transmission from said mobile terminal.

14. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 11, wherein a web switch connecting said communication network with a content server stores a list of uniform resource locations for content that is only available via said second type of radio access network, and wherein said web switch triggers a handover, in case said mobile terminal requests

a content from said content server by transmitting a uniform resource location that is contained in said stored list of uniform resource locations.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein an intersystem handover should be performed whenever said second type of radio access network is required for a specific service.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein said transmission by said mobile terminal is a setup message to said communication network.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said communication network grants an intersystem handover initiated by a transmission of said mobile terminal or, in case said intersystem handover is not feasible, blocks a requested call or context activation for which said intersystem handover was initiated.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said communication network triggers a handover with a new information element to said first type radio access network.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein said intersystem handover takes place at a call setup.

21. (Withdrawn) A method according to claim 1, wherein said intersystem handover takes place at a packet data protocol context activation.

22. (Withdrawn) A mobile terminal comprising an access component configured to access a communication network via at least two different types of radio access networks, and a transmitter configured to transmit a direct request for a specific type of radio access network indicating that an intersystem handover from a radio access network of a first type of said communication network to a radio access network of a second type of said communication network should be performed, wherein a criterion for the selection of the specific type radio access network for the direct request is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.

23. (Withdrawn) A mobile terminal according to claim 22, further comprising a storage component configured to store a list with at least one preferred type of radio access network, and a selection component configured to select from said list one type of radio access network for a desired connection, wherein said transmitter is configured to transmit said selected type of radio access network as said direct request.

24. (Withdrawn) A mobile terminal according to claim 22, further comprising a storage component configured to store at least two different access point names associated to at least two different content types, and a selection component configured to select an access point name associated to a desired content type, wherein said transmitter is configured to transmit said selected access point name as said direct request.

25. (Withdrawn) A mobile terminal according to claim 22, further comprising a user interface configured to enable a user to select one of at least two different access point names to be employed for a specific connection, wherein said transmitter is configured to transmit said selected access point name as said direct request.

26. (Withdrawn) A communication network comprising radio access networks of at least two different types and components configured to perform an intersystem handover of a mobile terminal accessing said communication network via a radio access network of a first type to a radio access network of a second type upon a transmission received from said mobile terminal, wherein a criterion for the intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address in the transmission.

27. (Withdrawn) A communication network according to claim 26, further comprising a storage component configured to store a mobile terminal a list with at least one preferred type of radio access network and a selection component configured to select from said list one type of radio access network according to the transmission received from said mobile terminal, and wherein said handover components are configured to perform said handover in case the mobile terminal is currently accessing said communication network via another type of radio access network than the selected type of radio access network.

28. (Withdrawn) A communication network according to claim 26, comprising a core network with a network element, which network element includes an analyzing component configured to analyze the transmission received from the mobile terminal in order to determine a type of radio access network to which said mobile terminal should

be connected, and a triggering component configured to trigger an intersystem handover in the radio access network to which the mobile terminal is currently connected.

29. (Withdrawn) A communication network according to claim 26, wherein at least one radio access network of said communication network comprises a handover component configured to perform an intersystem handover to a radio access network of another type of said communication network based on a request by a network element of a core network of said communication network.

30. (Withdrawn) A communication network according to claim 26, wherein said radio access network of said first type is a 3G (3rd generation) radio access network, and wherein said radio access network of said second type is a 2G (2nd generation) radio access network.

31. (Withdrawn) A communication network according to claim 26, wherein said radio access network of said first type is a wideband code division multiple access radio access network, and wherein said radio access network of said second type is a global system for mobile communications / general packet radio system radio access network.

32. (Withdrawn) A network element for a communication network, which network element comprises an analyzing component configured to analyze a transmission received from a mobile terminal connected via a first type of radio access network to said communication network, and a triggering component configured to trigger an intersystem handover of said mobile terminal in case said analyzed transmission

indicates that an intersystem handover of said mobile terminal to a second type of radio access network should be performed, wherein a criterion for the intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address in the transmission.

33. (Withdrawn) A web switch for connecting a communication network and a content server, said web switch comprising a storage component configured to store a list of uniform resource locations which correspond to content that is only available from said content server via a specific type of radio access network, a comparing component configured to compare a uniform resource location requested by a mobile terminal from said content server via said communication network with said stored list of uniform resource locations, and a triggering component configured to trigger a handover of said mobile terminal in said communication network in case said mobile terminal is connected to said communication network via another type of radio access network than said specific type of radio access network and in case said requested uniform resource location is contained in said stored list of uniform resource locations.

34. (Withdrawn) A communication system comprising a communication network with at least two different types of radio access networks and with handover components configured to perform an intersystem handover of a mobile terminal from a radio access network of a first type to a radio access network of a second type upon an initiation by a transmission of said mobile terminal, said communication system further comprising at least one mobile terminal with an access component configured to access said communication network via said radio access network of said first type and said radio access network of said second type, wherein a criterion for the intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.

35. (Withdrawn) A communication system according to claim 34, further including a web switch connecting said communication network with a content server, which web switch comprises a storage component configured to store a list of uniform resource locations which correspond to content that is only available from said content server via said second radio access technology, a comparing component configured to compare a uniform resource location requested by said mobile terminal from said content server via said communication network with said stored list of uniform resource locations, and a triggering component configured to trigger a handover of said mobile terminal by said communication network in case said mobile terminal is connected to said communication network via said first type of radio access network and in case said requested uniform resource location is contained in said stored list of uniform resource locations.

36. (Cancelled)

37. (New) A mobile terminal comprising an access component configured to access a communication network via at least two different types of radio access networks, and a transmitter configured to transmit a request for a specific type of radio access network, the mobile terminal initiating an intersystem handover for accessing a communication network via a radio access network of a first type by a transmission of said transmitter to said communication network, said communication network comprising at least said radio access network of said first type and a radio access network of a second type;

wherein a criterion for said intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address; and

wherein said transmission determines a type of radio access network based on one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.

38. (New) A network element for a communication network, which network element comprises an analyzing component configured to analyze a transmission received from a mobile terminal connected via a first type of radio access network to said communication network, and a triggering component configured to trigger an intersystem handover of said mobile terminal upon an indication of said analyzing component that said transmission indicates that the handover is to be performed, said transmission occurring upon an initiating of the intersystem handover of the mobile terminal with an accessing of the communication network directly via the radio access network of the first type by a transmission of said mobile terminal to said communication network, said communication network comprising at least said radio access network of said first type and a radio access network of a second type, the intersystem handover providing for a handover of the mobile terminal from the first type of radio access network to the second type of radio access network;

wherein a criterion for said intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address; and

wherein said transmission determines a type of radio access network based on one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.

39. (New) A method comprising:

initiating an intersystem handover of a mobile terminal accessing a communication network directly via a radio access network of a first type by a transmission of said mobile terminal to said communication network, said communication network comprising at least said radio access network of said first type and a direct radio access network of a second type;

wherein a criterion for said intersystem handover is one of a requested content, a requested access point name, a requested uniform resource location and a requested internet protocol address.